

THE GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

NOW that we are starting on a new year of Templar life, let us rededicate ourselves to the great principles of our Order — to the principle of service to our fellow man. Let us not forget to show charity to all men, not merely the charity that expresses itself in the giving of money alone, but that charity of thought and actions which concedes to every man the right to his own convictions even though they may differ from our own; that charity which brings the Peace which comes to him at night who has stood for what is right.

FREDERICH H. BRIGGS

POSITION WANTED

A worthy Sir Knight of our Commandery wants a position as watchman or similar position.

For further information see our Commander.

There is only one angle from which to approach any problem, and that is the try-angle.

A PRIZE TURKEY

At the last Templar Luncheon one of the guests, Mr. Vernon W. Marr, won the first prize. It was a real one; one of "Bill" Bullard's Thanksgiving Turkeys. Some people are born lucky and get 'em free, while others are born lucky and get 'em at sixty-five cents a pound.

We understand that there will be a steady stream of cars from now until Thanksgiving from Norwell Center to "Bill's" Turkey farm. That is, while his eight hundred young turkeys last, and the man who gets one is lucky.

LEST YOU FORGET

*Our New Year's Party and Ladies' Night
will be held as usual on December 31st,
with positive assurance that it will be
BOSTON'S BEST.*

*Full details in the next issue of the "Crusader". Reserve the date,
Wednesday, December thirty-first*

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OUR FRED GRAND COMMANDER
BUT STILL "FRED"

Sir Knights of Boston Commandery should feel highly honored this year as we have a Grand Commander, Fred Briggs; a Grand Warder, Charlie Howard; and a District Commander, Frank Clark, all members of Boston Commandery. We congratulate these Sir Knights on their election and selection. We also congratulate Templarism on securing the services of these loyal and faithful workers.

(The following is a clipping from a Boston paper. It gives a full list of the Grand officers.)

Frederick Huntington Briggs of Boston was elected grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the appendant orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at the 127th annual conclave held in the Masonic Temple on Boylston Street. Every one of the 53 commanderies in the organization was represented.

Officers elected and appointed were Benjamin F. Downing of Newport, R. I., deputy grand commander; George L. Dodd of Wrentham, grand generalissimo; William S. Hamilton, Williamstown, captain-general; William Emerson, Brockton, treasurer; Martin J. Pleschinger of Chelsea, recorder; the Rev. Francis W. Gibbs, Fitchburg, grand prelate; the Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell, Dr. Clarence O. Barbour, president of Brown University; the Rev. Percy T. Edrop, Springfield, associate prelates; Arthur S. Vaughn, Providence, senior warden; Charles W. Howard, warder; Harold W. Sprague, Brockton, junior warden; Harry P. McAllister, Worcester, standard bearer; Forrest A. Bliss, Fitchburg, sword bearer; Charles T. Converse, Springfield, captain of the guard; Charles M. Pear, Cambridge, sentinel; Frederick I. Dana, Providence, inspector instructor; George T. Everett, West Somerville, Adelbert E. Place, Providence, William A. Graham, Walham, Harrison Hyslop, division commanders.

Love at first sight is possible, but it is always wise to wipe your glasses and take a second look.

COMMANDER'S LETTER

Sir Knights:—

Your Commander has just received a letter from the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island inviting Boston Commandery to act as escort to the Grand Commander at the Triennial Conclave to be held in Minneapolis in June, 1931.

I consider this a great honor for Boston Commandery and sincerely trust that it will be the means of arousing real interest in the Triennial Conclave. I am putting forth every effort to curtail Commandery expenditures that we may have more money to defray some of the Triennial Conclave expenses. With this end in view all the officers are required to pay for their dinners the same as other members. Although the burden of the Commandery work rests upon them, yet they are willing to do this to help us accept this honor which has been conferred upon our Commandery.

Now! Sir Knights what are we going to do about this invitation? Will we accept? To be frank with you I expected this invitation and have called for special guards. I want twenty-four young men of military bearing who can accompany us to Minneapolis. Can we form a Minneapolis club now and put this over in a real Boston Commandery manner?

Our Triennial itinerary will be available at this Conclave, ask for one.

Courteously yours,

WM. P. BULLARD, *Commander*.

TEMPLAR LUNCHEON

Russia today—from the point of view of a Boston business man, Sir Knight B. Waldo Hobart, of Gethsemane Commandery, who recently returned from Russia, will give us first-hand information of conditions as he found them, a subject of interest to the civilized world. Sir Knights of Boston Commandery are urged to attend this luncheon just to show "Fred" that we are enthusiastically with him in all of his Templar activities. Let us break the attendance record on Friday, the 14th, 12.15 o'clock. Get your tickets at the door. Main auditorium, Boston City Club.

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COMMANDER BRIGGS

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Will lead us onward and show the way
He knows what's right—and he will fight
To win the heart of every man
He's with us here tonight.

Our Grand Commander by whom we are
led

His name is Briggs—but—we call him
Fred

So stand on your feet—help us to greet
Mr. Frederick Huntington Briggs
Grand Commander in chief.

Oh Grand Commander we're happy to-
night

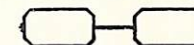
But we'll admit that there's every right
We've looked around—travelled up to
town

We know there is no better man
This side of Long Island Sound

The Grand Comamander tickles us pink
When he is talking—or giving a speech
He gestures left—he gestures right
He proves his point with plenty of tact
And really enjoys the fight

Oh Grand Commander life will be grand
Now that you're leading our little band
You have the say—with us that's O.K.
We've nothing to do—just listen to you
Our cares have gone away.

The above song was sung for the first time on the evening of October 29th at a meeting of the Commanders Association. Boston Commandery Choir rendered it and made a big hit. As you may be called upon to assist in singing it in the near future, you had better memorize the whole song, or carry this copy with you that you may be prepared to do your part. It is sung to the air "Around the Corner."



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